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LEVINE SEEKS TO RENAME VAN NUYS STATE BUILDING AFTER FORMER VALLEY SPEAKERS

Building would be named the Moretti-Hertzberg State Building

Assemblymember Lloyd E. Levine (D-Van Nuys) today announced that he would introduce a resolution to rename the Van Nuys State Building the Moretti-Hertzberg State Building. Both Robert Moretti and Robert Hertzberg represented the San Fernando Valley in the Assembly and served as Speaker.

Robert Moretti served in the Assembly from 1964 through 1974. He was elected Speaker of the Assembly in 1971 and again in 1973. Under Moretti's leadership, the Assembly reformed the welfare and Medi-Cal systems, approved sweeping environmental and consumer protection legislation and greatly increased benefits for working people. He passed away in 1984.

Robert Hertzberg served in the Assembly from 1996 through 2002. He was unanimously elected Speaker of the Assembly in 2000. Under the leadership of Hertzberg, the Assembly expanded access to low-cost health care for working families, adopted historic expansion of the Cal Grant Program, generated unprecedented investment in community colleges and helped pass the two largest park bonds in California history. He is currently a partner at the law firm Mayer, Brown, Rowe and Maw.

"The San Fernando Valley was fortunate to have two Assembly Speaker represent our community. I feel that it is only fitting that the Van Nuys State Building bear their names," said Levine.